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Rev. Amos A. Phelps
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in Sept. You will see what Mark says of the importance & bearings of that meeting.

No minister at Boulder St yet, as you see. East Boston St has made no decision since that I know of.

Most affectionately to your wife & family, in which wife joins.

Truly Yours

E. D. Mann.

it best to give the facts to you. I think there are clergymen enough in this region who will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to speak for the Reporter & its views, when they find that our columns are open. I wish that a communication could be furnished us by Dr. Ide, or you or some one else. Does not put him up to it? I may try to do so. Nothing more on this subject at present.

I really cannot tell whether I have written to you since the birth of our little boy, now six weeks old. We are all well. — wife & children staying at Wrentham, & I usually come out Saturday night & stay till Monday. It is a most agreeable arrangement for the Summer.

You said something about writing letters for the Recorder. Before you write Martin had commenced a negotiation with another man, but I think it will fall through. I have directed his attention to you, but he has not said yes or no.

Harlow is making quite an effort in Wrentham to circulate the A.S. Reporter. James puts him up to it, & likes your position. Father Fish shakes his head, — is more staggered than I have ever seen him.

Martin Moore met Secretary Armstrong lately while on his Saratoga trip, & asked him what they meant to do about slavery. Armstrong replied, consequentially, that the Board were determined not to turn aside from their great object, — to which Martin replied — "I don't think you'll be able to dodge that question much longer."

I intend to be at the meeting of the Board

E. Moore, Boston
Aug. 9. 1845.

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Wrentham August 9th 1845.

Dear Bro. Phelps.

I suppose you will like to know what your last & favorite child is doing in this region, & therefore I write. The Reporter, for that I refer to, is likely to have a thorough reading by all parties. I have not said what I wished to about it in the Recorder, for the reason, as you know, that Martin decids to become committed against the Board. But the subject will get into our paper in another way, & as I think, a good way. On Monday, this week, we received a communication from Dr. Whitehead of Randolph, passing some severe strictures upon the Reporter, & defending the Board against the abolition conspiracy. We concluded to publish it, & I at once dropped a line to Ward of Abington, to furnish a reply to it, which I am sure he will do. Yesterday, another article came, from Marsh of Roxbury, taking sides with the Reporter, & against the Board. I was right glad to get this, for now Whitehead's article & Marsh's, will appear side by side in our paper of next week, & Ward will probably come to the scratch the week after. Thus the controversy will be fairly begun, & where or when it will end, nobody can foresee. I wish the names of the writers to be strictly interior, as also the fact of my soliciting articles. I have thought